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ONE FROM PITTSBURG, KANSAS, CONVICTED OF USING AN UNAUTHORIZED CREDIT CARD AND MAIL FRAUD

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Itobore Oshobe**, 25, Pittsburg, Kansas, was convicted today in U.S. District Court in Wichita, Kansas, following a six day jury trial of one count of using an unauthorized credit card; one count of transporting stolen merchandise; one count of receiving stolen merchandise; and ten counts of mail fraud.

Otu Kadana, 24, Pittsburg, Kansas, was found not guilty on all counts.

Melgren stated that according to evidence presented at trial, from at least November 2002 through March 6, 2003, Oshobe used and aided and abetted the use of unauthorized credit cards to order electronic and computer equipment in various names via the internet and had this equipment delivered by Federal Express, United Parcel Service, or Airborne Express to an apartment in Pittsburg, Kansas. Oshobe signed for numerous packages and the packages were then shipped to Nigeria.

Oshobe faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole, for the unauthorized use of a credit card and transporting and receiving stolen goods and a maximum of twenty years for mail fraud. Sentencing is set for February 9, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Pittsburg Police Department, the U.S. Secret Service, and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger in this prosecution.

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